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Title : Need to announce a special package to provide drinking water facilities in Telengana region particularly for Karimnagar Parliamentary Constituency, Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI PONNAM PRABHAKAR (KARIMNAGAR): I would like to draw the kind attention of the Hon'ble Minister of Rural Development regarding the problems being faced by the people in getting the potable drinking water in the Telangana Region and especially in my Karim Nagar Constituency in Andhra Pradesh.

In my Karim Nagar Constituency, many areas are facing acute shortage even for drinking purpose. There are no proper pipelines, no borewells or any other alternative arrangements. People are giving many representations and suggestions to provide at least potable drinking water. Many hamlets are reeling under water crisis. The ground water has been completely depleted in all the areas of Telangana Region. The borewells have dried up. The worst sufferers are the women. People have to fetch the water from about 2 to 3 kilometers for their daily needs. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has been making sincere efforts but due to inadequate funds, the genuine demands of the people have not been met so far. Sriram Sagar Canal had become dry and the areas dependent on the said canal are facing acute shortage. The Government must find an alternative to get the water from other sources to my Karim Nagar Constituency and other Telangana areas. Less rainfall and drought have added the problem more in my constituency.

I, therefore, request the Hon'ble Minister of Rural Development to intervene in the matter and provide at least potable drinking water in the backward areas like Telangana region in the remaining Eleventh Five year Plan by announcing a special package, particularly for my constituency Karim Nagar in Andhra Pradesh.